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FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSES POLICE CIVIL RIGHTS PENSION CLAIM

San Diego, CA: A federal judge has dismissed the majority of a civil rights action brought by 1,600 individual police officers against the City of San Diego, the City Attorney, and various former and current City Council members. In addition, Judge Marilyn Huff ruled in her 46-page order that the plaintiffs did not sufficiently prove that the City Attorney conspired to violate the plaintiffs' constitutional rights.

“Although Judge Marilyn Huff stated that the case may be amended, she has denied the majority of their allegations which will make it legally difficult, if not impossible, for these individual police officers to re-file their action,” said Executive Assistant City Attorney Don McGrath.

The individual police officers had alleged that the municipal pension fund is actuarially unsound and that their vested retirement and compensation packages have been unlawfully eliminated or reduced. They further alleged that the City engaged in bad faith labor negotiations with the Police Officers Association and schemed to take away vested retirement and health care benefits. They further alleged that the City singled them out for retaliation.

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